

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, December 31, 1728.

From the Evening Post, Decemr. 24.

Vienna, Dec. 15.

**T**HE Imperial Court being informed that the Republick of Venice earnestly wishes the Ports of Trieste and Fiume, might remain in *statu quo*, this produced a quite contrary effect, for they have sent thither an experienced Danish Engineer, and 20 others to take an exact View of those two Ports, and report their Opinion to the Emperor; and if any Works are to be done there, several Regiments of Foot will be ordered thither for greater Expedition.

*Stockholm, Dec. 11.* The King continues to assist almost every Day at the Deliberations of the Senate, and private Conferences concerning the present Juncture of Affairs, especially on the Dispatches lately arrived from France and England, the Couriers by whom they were brought, only waiting for the King's Answer to return to their respective Courts.

*Geneva, Dec. 6.* A Person who was come to this Place with Jewels he stole from a Jeweller at Lyons, was two Days ago arrested and delivered to the Minister of France.

*Copenhagen, Dec. 18.* As the Plan of the Streets is not finished yet, the Rebuilding of this City is retarded thereby, but Artificers and Shop Keepers have obtained Leave to erect Booths, upon or near the Places where their late Houses stood, to exercise their several Professions till such Time as a Plan is approved. The Wine Merchants having been great Sufferers by the Fire, the King grants them Leave to import Custom free as much of that Commodity as they shall make it appear they lost.

*Hamburg, Dec. 21.* Letters from Petersburg, say 2600 Iron Guns of divers Sizes, and above 10,000 Balls, with a prodigious Quantity of Bombs, &c. from Olonitz were landed there very lately, and that the Emperor has given Orders that all Brass Guns and Mortars be cast at Peters-

burg and Moscow only, from whence they shall be sent to other Places as he shall direct.

They write from Moscow that the Emperor is resolved to reinforce his Troops in the conquered Provinces of Persia, with 20 000 Men next Summer, unless Sultan Esref accepts before that Time the Proposals which were sent to him.

*Vienna, Dec. 15.* Upon Advice that the Contagious Distemper encreases at Constantinople, Directions have been sent to the Governors on the Borders of Turkey, not to admit Travellers from that Country, before they have performed a Quarantine of a Fortnight, but Couriers shall only perform one of six Days. Mr. Dolman, now Minister of the Emperor at Constantinople, was received there with Marks of singular Distinction, and allowed by the Port 100 Rix Dollars a Day for his Expence.

*Paris, Dec. 29.* On the 18th Instant Mr. de Mont, formerly Envoy from the Duke of Holstein at this Court, received Credential Letters for resuming the same Character.

Mr. Bacquet, Head Surgeon of the Invalids, extracted lately in one Minutes Time, a Stone as large as a Pullets Egg, from the Body of a Girl of the Age of 4 Years and a half.

*London, Dec. 24.* Four Coaches are now making for his Royal Highness at Mr. Morris's, Coach maker in Piccadilly.

The several Companies of Foot Guards, whose Numbers are not compleat, are ordered to be filled up immediately.

*Dublin, Dec. 10.* We have now Advice, that the notorious Highwayman Paul Liddy, is grown so bold and desperate, as to rob even in the middle of the Country, and frequently sends Notes Gentlemen and Farmers to demand Money them, which if they refuse, he takes Revenge doing them all the Mischief he can. He has Assurance to send Word to dine or Surprize them at appointed Times, and goes without

being taken, being, or pretending to be so well guarded, that no one dare oppose him. He lately robbed a Clergyman in the City of Limerick of a large Sum; also several Quakers, whom he used barbarously, to discover their Meaning: In short, he is become a Terror to five several Counties, wherein large Subscriptions are raised as a Reward for taking him.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, Dec. 24.*

*Stockholm, Decem. 15.* The King has ordered, that there shall always one or two of the Lords of the Admiralty at Carelsron to have Inspection of the maritime Affairs, and the Armaments of the Ships of War.

*London, Decem. 24.* This Morning a vehement Fire broke out in Wapping, near the Hermitage, having consumed 5 Houses, damaged several others, and communicated itself to a Vessel in the River.

*From the Post Boy, Decem. 24.*

*Paris, Decem. 20.* The Report we had that the Galleons were arrived at Cadix, is not confirmed; but the last Letters from Madrid advise that they are daily expected.

*From the Flying Post, Decem. 24.*

*Madrid, Decem. 7.* This Day the King intends to hunt the Woolf, and the Duke of Richmond is invited to be one of the Party; which is look'd upon to be a great Mark of Distinction.

*Berlin, Decem. 18.* According to the Report of all his Majesty's Colonels, their Regiments are all complete, and consist of Ninety Thousand effective Men.

*From the London Evening-Post, Dec. 24.*

*Madrid, Decem. 7.* 'Tis now assured that Count Zinzendorf's Secretar has brought the Emperor's Resolution on the Scheme for a Truce, that was drawn up at Fountainbleau. If this proves true, we shall soon know that of this Court also, whose Steps are entirely guided by those of the Court of Vienna.

'Tis now assured, that the Princess of Brazil is set out for Portugal by the End of this Month; that their Catholick Majesties will bear her Company to the Frontiers, and that several Regiments are to have Orders to repair to the Frontier,

where the Exchange of the two Princesses is to be made.

Sigr. Bichi is still at Guadalaxara on the Frontiers of Portugal; but 'tis assured that Prelate has written to the Pope's Nuncio, assuring him he will be here by the 13th Inst.

We have received Advice from the Frontiers, several Men of War were put to Sea to go meet the Galleons; but they are not expected before the Beginning of February.

*Soissons, Decem. 21.* On the 17th Inst. the Plenipotentiaries who are here assembled at the Castle. The Baron de Fonseca, the Emperor's 3d Plenipotentiary, is arrived here from Paris, to assist at the Assemblies: So that there has never been absent from hence, one Minister of the Emperor, two of France, one of Spain, one of Sweden, and one of Holland. The Minister of the Elector Palatine is indisposed.

On the 15th, one Mr. Picke, an Irishman, gave a Ball. On the 19th, the Marquis de Santa Cruz gave a great Entertainment, on account of the Anniversary of the Birth of the Catholick King his Master.

On Friday last Mr. Pointz received Dispatches from London by a Messenger of State, whom he sent back last Monday after Noon; and two Days ago he set out for Paris with his whole Retinue, and all the English who were here; the said Minister being to reside at our Court during the Absence of Colonel Stanhope and Mr. Walpole, who are gone to London.

'Tis probable all the other Plenipotentiaries will go to Paris also, by reason of the approaching Holidays, during which no Assemblies will be held; besides, the Answers from the Courts of Vienna and Madrid cannot be expected before Twelfth-day, and consequently nothing transacted here before that Time.

*Paris, Decem. 29.* The last Letters from Madrid import, That ever since the King of Spain's Recovery, the Marquis d'Abrantes, Ambassador of Portugal, had made very pressing Instances to hasten the Exchange of the two Princesses, which was thought would be done next February; and that their Catholick Majesties would go to the Frontiers for that Purpose.

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These Letters make no mention of the Negotiations for a Truce or Peace.

The King has by Edict created a Surgeon-major in each of the 4 Regiments of Life Guards.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Dec. 2.*

*Since our last arrived a Mail from France, and one from Holland.*

'Tis advised from Madrid, as if no less than 30 Men of War were gone to meet the Galleons. Mean time there's a Letter from Paris, dated the 24th instant, advising, That they were informed from Madrid, that the King of Great Britain has by a Letter assured his Catholick Majesty, that his Design being always to live in good Understanding with him, he declares, his Fleet should not attack the Galleons, as it was reported they would; but that he would let them pass freely, according to th' true Sense and Meaning of the Preliminaries.

The aforesaid Letter from Paris adds, That a Week before the Date a Council of State was held, in which some Resolutions were taken, touching the Arrival of the Galleons; That the long Conference which their Excellencies Mr. Stanhope and Mr. Walpole had on the 14th inst. with Cardinal Fleury, turned, as 'tis said, on several Reports that had been spread, as if some Difficulties had arisen concerning the Treaty of Hanover; and that his Eminency frankly told them in express Words, That if that Treaty was now to be concluded, some Alterations would perhaps be made in it: But that it was now too late, there being no Remedy for what is past: That they might depend upon it, that France would not depart one Title from the Treaty, whatever Advantages might be offered her to recede from that Alliance: Whereby she should make it appear to the whole World, that she was inviolable in all her Engagements.

This Letter, if it be genuine (as we hope it is) gives us no Doubt of a speedy Accommodation; and that the Parliament will have, at their Meeting, the glorious News communicate to 'em from the Throne.

By the French Mail we have Letters from Paris of the 21st inst. advising, That their Excellencies Mr. Stanhope and Mr. Walpole were expected

back there soon after the Opening of the Parliament of Great Britain. And those from Madrid relate, That his Catholick Majesty was not well pleased with the Conduct of the Duke de Bourbonville: and that Lord will no more be employed in the Affairs of the Congress; and that his Catholick Majesty will have another Minister at the said Congress, whenever the other two Ministers are returned thither.

Yesterday the Right Honourable the Earl of Strafford carried the Sword of State before his Majesty to the Chapel Royal, where the Sermon was preached by the Abp. of York, and the Sacrament was administrate to their Majesties, Prince Frederick, and the Princess Royal, and the Princesses Amelia and Carolina, by the Bishop of London.

On Sunday last the Bishop of Norwich Ordained 20 Priests and Deacons at S. Giles in the Fields. And the next Day, the Rev. Mr. More of Norwich, Son of the late Dr. More Bishop of that Diocese, and some others of them, were introduced to Prince Frederick, and had the Honour to kiss his R. Highness's Hands.

The Craftsman of Saturday last is as much, if not more taken notice of than any of the former; and we hear it was with some Difficulty they got them delivered out. But, notwithstanding the Endeavours of a Set of Men for raising Discords and Dissensions, yet the Parliament in the ensuing Sessions will no doubt proceed with such Unanimity; as they have all along done, for the Happiness of their King and Country.

The Stocks are risen, S. S. to 98. Which Company have already taken into their Service several Ships to send to the Coast of America, to supply the Assiento.

*From the Evening Post, Dec. 26.*

*Petersburg, Dec. 8.* 'Tis talked that the Troops of his Majesty will be augmented with some Thousands of Men. Letters from Moscow say, That his Imperial Majesty has some Time since discontinued his Hunting, and is wholly taken up in Military and Civil Affairs, in both which he instructs himself with uncommon Assiduity.

*Paris, Dec. 24.* 'Tis talked that the Queen is again with Child. We have received Advice



a Corsair of Tripoli having met with two Ships, French and Spanish, and asked the French Capt. who they were, he answered they were both French; whereupon the Corsair observing that the other was a Spaniard, seized him, and was so cruel as to cut one Half of his Tongue, and the Edges round the Lips of the French Capt. because he told him a Lie.

*Vienna, Decem. 18.* Here arrived lately a Courier from Spain, who relates, That 30 Men of War have sailed from divers Ports of that Kingdom, to meet the Galleons.

*Moscow, Decem. 6.* The Princess Natalia, Sister to our Emperor, and Grand Princess of all Russia, died here the 3d Instant, after a lingring Sicknefs, aged 14 Years, 4 Months and some Days, being born July 23, 1714.

*Cadix, Decem. 7.* No Communication is yet suffered between this Kingdom and Gibraltar, either by Sea or Land.

*London, Decem. 26.* Last Monday a large Fowl came and settled on the upper Part of St. Paul's Cross, and continued there till 4 in the Afternoon Yesterday; when some People were firing a Gun, it flew off and settled on the Steeple of S. Mary Le Bow in Cheapside. What is remarkable, is, that it continued 28 Hours without stirring for Subsistence.

S. S. Stock, 96, 5 8ths. Annuities, 100, 5 8ths. Bank, 130. India, 160, 1 4th. York Buildings, 14, 1 half.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

To be Sold,

A LODGING consisting of Six Fire-Rooms, (being the Fourth Storey of Elphinston's Land, entering up the Scale-Stairs at the Head of Kinloch's Close, on the South-side of the High Street, Edinburgh) with a Cellar belonging thereto. Whoever inclines to purchase, may enquire at HEW FLEMING, Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber, 1st Stair of the Luckenbooths, next the Cross.

These are to advertise, That the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the EDINBURGH FRIEND-

LY IN URANCE against Losses by Fire, is to be held on Monday the 13th of January next, in Mary's Chapel in Niddery's Wynd, at 3 a'clock after Noon.

By a former Advertisement Notice was given, that the first Capital design'd for erecting an INFIRMARY or HOSPITAL for Sick Poor at Edinburgh, was subscribed for: These do now give Notice, That the Contributors, in a general Meeting on the 16th December Inst, did give Warrant and Directions for providing a convenient House, with proper Servants and Necessaries; To take in some sick Persons, so far as the current Interest of the Stock got in, will defray. THEREFORE 'tis expected, that all Subscribers who have not paid, will pay in their Donations betwixt Candlemas next, so that neither they, nor the Committee in Management, be put to the Trouble of a legal Course for Recovering the same.

There is just now come home from Spain, a Parcel of good Limons and Oranges, also a Parcel of fresh Chestnuts and Walnuts, &c. As likewise from England, a Parcel of good Pippins, Golden Pippens, Kentish Pippens, Nonpareils, Peermains, and all Sorts of Baking Apples, to be sold at Archibald Sheill's Shop at the Hand and Orange, South side of the Street, a little below the Crosswell, at the following Prices, viz. Limons at 1 L. 10 sh. per Chest, or at ten pence per Dozen: Bitter and Sweet Oranges, at reasonable Rates: Chestnuts and Walnuts, at 1 L. 5 sh. per Bushel, or at 8 pence the Long hundred. Spanish Nuts at 4 d. per Pint. The same are to be had at his Warehouse in Leith, the first Loft above the Weigh-house. All Sorts of Suggars can be furnished at Mr. Shiells's Shop at reasonable Prices.

The Latin School of MUSSELBURGH being now vacant by the Death of the worthy Mr. Laurence Stoddart, The Magistrates and Town Council of the said Burgh, do hereby invite all Persons, who judge themselves duly qualified for that Office, and are willing to undergo a comparative Trial before competent Judges for the same, to attend at the House of Thomas Tod Clerk of Musselburgh, on Saturday the Eighteenth of January next, by ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, in order to their undergoing their said Trial. The Candidates are likewise desired at any Time before, to lodge in the said Clerk's Hands proper Certificates of their past Behaviour. They may expect that Justice will be impartially done them, and the Person preferred shall meet with all due Encouragement from the Magistrates and Council.

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